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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FURUSE et al.

Attorney Docket No: 106145-00021

Application No. 09/940,603

Group Art Unit: 1725

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For: METHOD FOR JOINING FRAME MEMBERS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 21, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002, (the Amendment being filed on Monday, October 21, October 19 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

On a separate attachment is a substitute Abstract. Please substitute the attached Abstract for the originally-filed Abstract. A copy of the marked-up original Abstract is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method for joining frame members made of aluminum alloy comprising the steps of:
fitting a part of the frame members into a mold; and

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